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Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
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Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

We have reviewed in considerable depth, and approve, your request to reprogram fiscal year 1978 funds to procure a new large-scale computer for the National Security Agency.

As you know, the Committee, for the past two years, has been emphasizing the need for strengthening the management and planning of community automatic data processing activities. Where major hardware acquisitions are involved, particular emphasis has been placed on clearly demonstrating substantive needs, and the degree to which such acquisitions will contribute to long range ADP improvement plans.

In this case, although the substantive requirement is sound, the way in which this acquisition evolved raises some concern:

-- Arrangements to acquire this computer were established last fall, but funding was not sought in the President's FY 1979 budget, although the opportunity was there to do so;

-- The Committee was not advised of this action until late June, at which time we were asked to make a determination within a very short time-frame, lest the arrangement with the manufacturer fall through;

-- Although assurances have been provided that this computer enjoys a high priority in NSA's overall ADP planning, there does not appear to be a clearly defined long-range ADP plan which prioritizes NSA's computer needs over the next five to ten years.

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We recognize that this action represented a rather unique opportunity to acquire a large computer to meet important substantive needs, at considerable savings to the government. Nonetheless, in the future we would hope to see such acquisitions occur within the context of a more clearly stated set of requirements and priorities.

Sincerely,



Birch Bayh
Chairman